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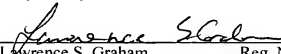
Sir:

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/877,446 ("the '446 application"), which was filed June 25, 2004, claiming a priority date of June 27, 2003, and which published as U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0058631 on March 17, 2005. Applicant believes that the '446 application currently contains a claim that is the same as, or is directed to, the same or substantially the same subject matter as, at least one claim of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/074,976 ("the '976 application"), which was filed on February 13, 2002, claiming a priority date of February 14, 2001, and which published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) as U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0160510 on October 31, 2002. In particular, Applicant believes that claim 42 of the '446 application interferes with at least currently-pending claim 55 of the '976 application.

Applicant respectfully points out that pursuant to M.P.E.P. (Eighth Edition, Incorporating Revision No. 5) § 2302, page 2300-7, once allowable subject matter is found in the instant application, the instant application should be allowed to proceed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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